

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Early Detection Data System (HEDDS) Data Citation Guidelines

The goal of this document is to provide recommendations on how users should cite data files pulled from HEDDS. Currently, there is no citation standard for data files or information retrieved from online sources. In fact, major style manuals do not address this deficiency adequately. The NBII Wildlife Information Node (the host of the HEDDS system) has selected the following citation format based on the recommendations of various libraries and institutions who have also dealt with this issue. These libraries concluded that the citation serves three important functions (SEDAC, 2007):

- 1) Acknowledge authorship of the resource.
- 2) Track the use of the resource.
- 3) Provide enough information to uniquely identify and retrieve the resource.

Recommended Citation Format:

After surveying a variety of sources, we felt the SEDAC's citation guidelines best captured the description of the HEDDS data. Because the individual collecting agencies are given autonomy over their data, we considered each agency's data to be a subset of the larger collection:

Dataset is part of a collection (Dataset. From: Collection):

Contributing Authors¹. Pub Year². Dataset Title³ [format and/or medium⁴].
From: Collection⁵. Publisher location⁶: Publisher Name⁷. URL⁸. Date
accessed⁹.

1. **Contributing Authors:** Submitting Agency listed in HEDDS
2. **Publication Year:** Year for record set used (e.g. 2005 data or data range of subset)
3. **Dataset Title:** <Submitting Agency> Surveillance Data
4. **Format and/or medium:** [Online Application].
5. **Collection:** Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Early Detection Data System (HEDDS)
6. **Publisher Location:** City, State: Madison WI
7. **Publisher Name:** NBII Wildlife Disease Information Node
8. **URL:** <http://wildlifedisease.nbii.gov/ai/index.jsp>
9. **Date Accessed:** Date data was accessed/extracted from HEDDS

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